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Part 1: ff. 1-64v

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Number of Texts: 3

Text 1: ff. 2-48v

Title: Quadripartitum

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: [R]es o mizori quibus perficiuntur prognosticaciones accepte de astronomia maiores et nobiliores sunt due, una quarum est qui debet in ordinacione et virtute preponi

Explicit: de egipto quod copulabitur matri sue tunc si ille natus est parsia [sic for persia] et generaliter dico quod primo [debemus res] accipere ul[timas] in quanto//

Notes: Ptolemy, Tetrabiblos [or Quadripartitum] here ending incomplete in Book 4 (and in its chapter 9; see below), lacking perhaps three pages to the end; see Goff P1088 (ISTC ip01088000), the text printed in Venice by Erhard Ratdolt, 15 Jan. 1484 (although with the Latin translation by Plato Tiburtinus) on its pages a2 – f6 verso (=images 2-44 verso for this incunable on the website of the Münchener Digitalisierungszentrum, most readily accessible through the online Incunabula Short Title Catalogue, of the Consortium of European Research Libraries). For the identification of this manuscript's copy of Ptolemy's text as being in the Latin translation by Aegidius de Thebaldis, see, for example, Die Handschriften der Stadtbibliothek Nürnberg, Band IV, by Ingeborg Neske, Die lateinischen mittelalterlichen Handschriften (Wiesbaden, Harrassowitz Verlag, 1997) pp. 110, 111, 198. See also Grażyna Rosińska, Scientific writings and astronomical tables in Cracow : a census of manuscript sources (XIVth-XVIth centuries) (Wrocław : Ossolineum, Polish Academy of Sciences Press, 1984) n. 1854 citing five copies of this translation held by the Bibl. Jagiellońska in Cracow.

Status of text: Ends defectively.

Text 2: ff. 1-48v

Title: Commentary on the Quadripartitum

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: Scire et intelligere gloriosum est quia omnis sapientia a domino deo est

Notes: The commentary by Haly is Rosińska, Scientific writings and astronomical tables in Cracow, n. 1927. Other commentaries: 1) ff. 1 -?, Pro diffinicione astrologie int<?>da de hale mutaciones iste de quibus astrologia considerat in sex maneres iuxta species motus dividuntur, que sunt generacio, corrupcio, augmentacio, diminucio, alteracio et secundum locum mutacio . . .; 2) ff. 2-?, Notandum. Iste liber totalis dividitur in quattuor partes. In prima pthólomeus compilavit regulas generales introductorias in alias partes. In seconda parte pthólomeus ostendit regulas . . .. For this last text, see Rosińska, Scientific writings and astronomical tables in Cracow, n. 1029.

Text 3: ff. 49-64v

Title: Tractatus de duodecim domibus

Language(s): Latin

Incipit: [F]orma datur propter merita nature postquam de statura corporis ac eius complexione tractamus nunc de moribus nati et qualitate animi

Explicit: et si hoc fuerit in ani<ma?>lis habebit amicos numeratos cognitos et potentes et s<anos?> <?>//

Notes: Grażyna Rosińska, Scientific writings and astronomical tables in Cracow : a census of manuscript sources (XIVth-XVIth centuries) (Wrocław : Ossolineum, Polish Academy of Sciences Press, 1984) n. 1812, as the Tractatus de duodecim domibus, with incipit taken from Wrocław, Bibl. Jagellonika 2620, pp. 145, 164-176, ca. 1450; here ending incomplete.